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**In re Patent Application of**

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Responsive to the Office Action of July 1, 1999, having a shortened period for response which expired August 1, 1999. Appended hereto is a petition for a THREE month extension of time, thereby making this response timely.

## **In the Claims**

~~Please cancel claims 25-34 without prejudice.~~

**REMARKS**

In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, comprising claims 1-24, 35 and 36 drawn to PNA probes. Please cancel the non-elected claims, namely claims 25-34, without prejudice, it being recognized that Applicants retain their rights to pursue the subject matter of the above canceled claims in a separate divisional application.

**AUTHORIZATION**

No additional fee is believed to be necessary.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees  
which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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